

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 452 - HB 975**

March 2, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Tests (TCAP) to be administered between the last week of March and the first three weeks of April.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact - According to the Department of Education (DOE), federal Title I money may be jeopardized as a result of local education agencies (LEAs) holding TCAP tests later in the school year. Such a loss in funds is unable to be reasonably quantified; LEAs receive approximately \$250,000,000 annually.**

Assumptions:

- By federal regulation, the Department of Education (DOE) must report annual yearly progress (AYP) to local education agencies at least 14 days before the beginning the school year. As a result, the state's annual reporting date for AYP scores has been moved to July 1<sup>st</sup> from August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If LEAs elect to hold their TCAP tests later, the DOE will not be able to meet their AYP reporting deadline to LEAs since TCAP test scores help make up AYP results. Though LEA Title I funding is made available on July 1, it is not finalized with the federal government until October when the new federal fiscal year begins. If an LEA is determined to be failing AYP after the Title I money is released, the state will have to make adjustments and effectively take money away.
- LEAs receive approximately \$250,000,000 annually in federal Title I money.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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